Laying of three new Rail lines in North Orissa

3496. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Eastern Railway proposes to lay three new rail lines in North Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have given clearance for conducting survey of these lines; and

(d) if so, the time frame within which these projects would be taken up to speed up development of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The surveys for new lines from Buramara to Chakulia, from Digha to Jaleswar and for extension of Rupsa-Bangriposi to Gorumahisani have been taken up under South Eastern Railway.

(d) No time frame can be fixed at this stage.

Trains from India to Pakistan and Bangladesh

3497. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways plans to run trains between India and Pakistan from January, 2006;

(b) whether Railways is also considering to run container traffic and passenger trains between India and Bangladesh;

(c) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached with Pakistan and Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, what are the main points of the agreement and to what extent it will be helpful for all the three countries?